

BANK ROBBED IN DAYLIGHT

ALDRICH, MO., SCENE OF DARING
HOLD-UP AND KID-
NAPING.

BANDITS MAKE THEIR ESCAPE

President and Cashier Terrorized
and Forced to March Out of
Town—The Vault Yields
\$3,500.

Springfield, Mo.—The little town of Aldrich, in Polk county, was the scene at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon of a genuine border town bank robbery, executed in the most approved style of the freebooter's art. Just an hour before the time set for closing the Bank of Aldrich for the day, President Z. G. Coalson and Cashier James Vaughn, who were alone in the bank, were accosted by two strangers who had entered quietly, and asked to throw up their hands. The request, calmly made, was in the nature of a demand, for it was accompanied by the presentation of the muzzles of two Winchester rifles to the heads of the two surprised bankers.

Cash Yielded Up.
The request was quickly complied with. Then came the command to Cashier Vaughn that he go to the bank vault and bring out the cash. There was no alternative, and Vaughn responded, while Coalson divided his glances between the two men who were so coolly and successfully carrying on the work.

The vault yielded up its treasure, \$3,500 in all. This was stored away in the capacious pockets of the overcoats worn by the bandits, and the work was done.

Then Coalson and Vaughn were marched outside the building, where a third bandit was in waiting with a buggy and double team. The two bankers were compelled to march in front of the team to the edge of the town, half a mile, where they were told that they were at liberty to return.

BURGLARS SHOOT GROCER.

Chicagoan Who Went to Wife's Rescue
Probably Fatally Wounded.

Chicago—Lewis Rabinowitz, 44 years old, was fatally shot early Friday morning in defending his wife from burglars when she discovered in the grocery owned by Rabinowitz at 236 Washington street. The couple sleep in the rear of the store. About daybreak Mrs. Rabinowitz investigated a noise in the grocery, but did not awaken her husband. She found two men ransacking the place, and screamed as she grappled with one of them. Rabinowitz rushed in and as he entered the other robber shot him in the abdomen. At the county hospital it is said he cannot live. The burglars escaped.

Ruef May Get Immunity.
San Francisco, Cal.—From a statement made by Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, it is believed that the prosecution is contemplating granting Abraham Ruef immunity, in order to successfully prosecute the bribery-graft cases by getting the former political boss to take the stand and furnish the link between Supervisor James L. Gallagher and Public Service Corporation, who, through Ruef, are alleged to have done the bribing.

Johnson at White House.
Washington, D. C.—Mayor Thomas L. Johnson, of Cleveland, was received by President Roosevelt. "We discussed municipal government, and I enjoyed receiving his views exceedingly," said Johnson. Mayor Johnson, as he stepped out of the president's cabinet room, faced Representative Burton, who was recently his political opponent in Cleveland. The two greeted each other with a handshake.

For Tighter Prohibition.
Guthrie, Okla.—In three special messages the governor transmitted to the legislature Friday afternoon, he urges passage immediately of laws strengthening prohibition, relieving school land tenants, and consideration of financial relief. The house adopted a concurrent resolution to adjourn on Saturday, December 21, to January 6.

Thanks Jailer, Is Hanged.
Chicago, Ill.—Richard Walton, the negro, confessed slayer of Mrs. Lillian White Grant, kindergarten teacher, was hanged at the county jail Friday. Walton made a speech from the scaffold, thanking the jail guards for their kind treatment of him.

Providence Tribune Raises Price.
Providence, R. I.—Announcement was made Friday that, beginning next Monday, Dec. 15, the price of the Providence Evening Tribune would be 10 cents a copy, instead of 15, the present price.

Lid for Oswego, N. Y.
Oswego, N. Y.—Mayor John K. Smith issued an order Friday, forbidding Sunday theatrical performances in local theaters after Sunday, Dec. 22.

TRAIN IS DERAILED

C. & E. Q. FREIGHT JUMPS TRACK
AT WANDA, ILL.

ONE MAN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Freight Gets on Wrong Track—Accident Probably Prevents Collision With Passenger Train.

St. Louis, Mo.—Fireman Richard Peek was killed when a C. & E. Q. freight, running 30 miles an hour, struck a derailing switch and was thrown from the track at Wanda, Ill., two miles south of East Alton at 5 a. m. Tuesday.

Through a conflict of orders the train took the outbound instead of the inbound track at East Alton. The derailing switch probably prevented a collision with a passenger train which was due there in 20 minutes.

Engineer John Dean was the first to see the red signal indicating that the train was approaching a derailed switch. With a cry of warning, he applied the emergency brakes, but the speed of the train did not slacken before the 50 yards to the derail were covered.

As the engine wheels were hurled from the rails Fireman Peek leaped from the cab. Engineer Dean remained in his seat. Head brakeman Wade Cooper, who was riding in the cab, did not have time to jump.

The engine plunged down a three-foot embankment. Dean and Cooper, shaken up and slightly bruised, clambered from the cab. Three cattle cars turned over and one of them crushed Fireman Peek to death. About fifty head of cattle were killed.

Fireman Peek was 25 years old. The fatal run was only the tenth he had made. He leaves a widow at Beardstown, Ill. The wrecked train left Beardstown at 6 p. m. Monday for St. Louis.

JAPS MAY ANNEX PHILIPPINES.

Commercial Annexation of the Islands Is Suggested.

Washington, D. C.—The possibility of a settlement of the differences between the United States and Japan on a basis never heretofore publicly suggested is said to be imminent.

The scheme, in which the Philippines are involved, is said on high authority, to have the endorsement of Baron Kaneko, who is probably as close a student of relations between the United States and Japan as any man in either country, and the belief is entertained in extremely well-informed circles that after the new Japanese ambassador, Takahira, comes here, there will be negotiations along the line of the new proposal.

Briefly, the new proposal amounts to a sort of commercial annexation of the Philippines to Japan, without political annexation. It is said to have been considered very favorably by a few statesmen of both Japan and America and regarded as worth discussion.

Quarrel Costs Three Lives.

Hannibal, Mo.—A combination of love, jealousy and greed is supposed to have been the motive leading to the quarrel that cost the lives of one woman and two men here. Isaac C. Wilcox ended his own life after killing Mrs. Pearl Wilkerson and her brother, Frank Hansen.

The triple tragedy occurred Monday night at the home of Louis Lett. He is held as a witness pending the coroner's inquest. So far he has not given an entirely connected account of the killing.

Undermined Bridge Collapses.

Harrisburg, Pa.—A telephone message from Berwick, Pa., announces that early Tuesday the bridge which is being erected by the state across the north branch of the Susquehanna river at Mifflinville was undermined and collapsed. The message says 36 men were on the bridge. 25 escaped, four bodies have been recovered and seven are unaccounted for. The river is rising there at the rate of one foot an hour.

Charge Robbery to Peace Officer.

Muskogee, Okla.—Chief of Police John O. Suggs and Night Policeman Lewis Woods of Fort Gibson, six miles north of this city, are under arrest charged with robbing the post office at Fort Gibson on the night of Nov. 22, obtaining \$400 in cash. The arrest was made by Mayor Rand Lee after an investigation of the crime. The two prisoners were bound over to the grand jury, each under a bond of \$1,000.

Peruvian President Visits Cruisers.

Lima, Peru—President Pardo paid a visit to the American cruisers Washington and Tennessee. He was received by Rear Admiral Sebree. The American warships, which are anchored at Callao, will leave Thursday on their way to San Francisco.

Rural Carriers Salary Bill.

Washington—Senator Hansbrough of North Dakota proposes an increase in the maximum salary allowed rural free delivery carriers from \$800 to \$1,200. He gave notice Tuesday of an amendment to the postoffice appropriation bill to that effect.

Rockefeller's Cousin Dies.

Philadelphia, N. J.—Jonathan LeRus, first cousin to John D. Rockefeller, died here Tuesday. He was 82 years old and has worked at his trade as a carpenter until a short time ago.

DEMOCRATS PICK DENVER

WESTERN CITY'S OFFER OF \$100,000 WINS ON THE SECOND BALLOT.

JULY 7 FIXED AS THE DATE

Democratic National Committee Have Spirited Debate on Propriety of Using More of Bonus Than Needed to Pay Expenses.

Washington—After deciding to hold the next democratic national convention at Denver, Col., and fixing the date of the meeting for July 7, 1904, the democratic national committee late Thursday entered upon a spirited debate on the propriety of accepting more of the \$100,000 offered by Denver for the convention than actually needed to pay the convention expenses in that city. The opposition to the acceptance of the contribution took the form of a resolution by Representative Clayton of Alabama, declining money not actually needed for convention purposes, but after a long debate the resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 31 to 14.

On the first ballot Denver received 22 votes, as against 17 for Louisville, five for Chicago and one for St. Paul. July 7 was selected as the date for the

Foreigners Take Away \$10,000,000 Cash a Day

Chicago—Persons desiring clearing house checks as souvenirs will have to get them soon, if at all. Figures given out by the clearing house subcommittee having charge of the paper showed a decrease in the supply so rapid as to surprise even bankers who had not kept in immediate touch with the situation. At the present rate the last check will disappear about Jan. 6, 1905.

There are at present \$6,100,000 in checks outstanding. No new checks were taken out this week, although railroad pay rolls amounting to millions of dollars were handled.

Return of thousands of foreigners to their native lands will somewhat relieve the industrial situation, according to John J. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust & Savings bank. "These people are going in great numbers," said he "they have laid up

money, and are returning to the other side because they can live much more cheaply there."

TO OUST STATE TREASURER.

Governor of Michigan Instructs that Charges Be Drafted.

Lansing, Mich.—Governor Warner Thursday formally notified State's Attorney General Bird to draft charges against State Treasurer Frank P. Glazier of Chelsea, Mich., looking to his removal from office. This action follows Governor Warner's call upon Treasurer Glazier at his home Wednesday and his demand for Glazier's resignation, which the treasurer refused. The charges against Mr. Glazier, upon which the governor will base the removal proceedings, grows out of the closing of the Chelsea (Mich.) Savings bank Dec. 2 by Banking Commissioner Zimmerman as a result of Mr. Glazier's financial troubles.

MADE GOOD MONEY.

Counterfeiter Claimed His Coins as Good as Uncle Sam's.

New York—Herman Henze, who made silver half dollars so well that only experts could distinguish his product, was sentenced Thursday to six years at Sing Sing prison and to pay the government \$250 in real money.

Henze's method was to melt up Mexican silver dollars and remould the bullion into counterfeiters of United States 50c pieces. The counterfeiter calmly admitted having made the coins and set up the defense that his money was as good as the government's and that consequently no one had been defrauded. He was making money, he said, with which to build an alrship, and he was certain that he had solved the problem of serial navigation.

Lead Company Cuts Force.

Bonne Terre, Mo.—Two hundred men were thrown out of employment and the output of the St. Joseph Lead Co. and the Doe Run Lead Co., with plants at Bonne Terre, Flat River, Central, Leadwood, Gumbo and Doe Run, were reduced by half as the result of telegraphic instructions received from President Dwight A. Jones in New York. The employees who have been retained will work half time. The monthly payroll of the plants aggregate \$300,000.

Girl Drowns in Clatsop.

St. Joseph, Mo.—The body of Miss Agnes Cannon, 20 years, a teacher in the public schools, was found in a cistern at her home here Wednesday. She was a daughter of Thos. Cannon, a former member of house of delegates.

35 HURT IN WRECK

AN ELECTRIC CAR OVERTURNS
RUNNING AT HIGH SPEED.

ACCIDENT NEAR NAMEOKI, ILLINOIS

Doctors Rushed to Scene From East St. Louis—Wreckers Are Ordered Out.

St. Louis, Mo.—An electric car on the East St. Louis, Alton & Granite City railroad, en route from Alton to East St. Louis, overturned at 9:50 a. m. Wednesday while running at a high rate of speed at a curve entering Nameoki, Ill.

Of the 35 passengers aboard, many of them women and children, one man was injured seriously. Nearly all of the others in the car were cut by broken glass or bruised.

A relief car, carrying officials of the road, doctors and wreckers, was run from East St. Louis to Nameoki, where those who are hurt are being cared for.

The air brake, it was reported, failed to check the speed of the car as it approached the curve, on account of slippery rails, and as it struck the sharp turn in the tracks it left the rails and rolled down a high embankment, turning over entirely.

Hurled Down Embankment.

The glass in the windows was broken, seats were torn from their places as the car hurtled down the embankment, and the passengers were piled together in the wreckage. Residents of the town hastened to the scene and rescued those who were imprisoned in the car.

NIGHT RIDERS ARE KILLED

PURSUED BY POSSEMEN AFTER SATURDAY'S RAID AND SHOT RESISTING ARREST.

VOLLEY FIRED AT OFFICERS

War of Extermination Is Being Waged By Determined Tobacco Growers—Soldiers Guard Lexington For Trace of Fugitives.

Lexington, Ky.—Actual warfare has broken out in the determined efforts of officers and citizens to exterminate the band of wanton night riders which are terrorizing the entire community.

The first open clash came Monday morning, when two members of the gang which fired and terrorized the city of Hopkinsville Saturday were killed in an encounter with officers and possemen.

The battle was short and decisive. Several members of the gang were surrounded, it is said, and to the command to surrender returned a volley of shots. The possemen returned the fire and two of the gang were killed. The others escaped on their horses.

Saturday's raid at Hopkinsville was the boldest and most destructive of any ever made by the night riders. After overpowering members of the police and fire departments, the raiders fired several tobacco warehouses and other buildings, shot and perhaps mortally wounded a brakeman, who was endeavoring to move a string of loaded freight cars out of the fire zone, and publicly whipped an association tobacco buyer. The loss to property at Hopkinsville was over \$200,000.

The death of the two night riders Monday morning evidences that no further trifling will be tolerated by either officers or citizens. The least resistance to arrest is the signal for open hostilities, pistol and rifle play and the death of the desperadoes.

ENGINEER DEAD IN HIS CAB.

He Had Complained of Pains in Head and Heart While Making His Run.

Appletown, Pa.—With its engineer, Calvin Frederick, dead in its cab, a Lehigh Valley fast freight rushed past danger signals and crashed Monday morning into the caboose of another freight in the Mahoning yard. Frederick was protected by the wreckage in such a way that he could have crawled out had he been alive when the collision happened. His body was not even bruised, and his hand was still on the throttle, though he was terribly scalded. His fireman and brakeman were badly hurt.

The engineer complained in Jersey City when taking out his train, and again in Easton and here, that he was suffering from sharp pains in the head and heart. He was to have married Christmas week.

Kills Two Grandchildren.

Somerville, Mass.—Mrs. Emery Huntley walked into a police station here Monday and announced that she had killed her two grandchildren, 6 and 4 years old. The bodies were found later. The children had been stupefied by illuminating gas and then drowned in a bathtub. Mrs. Huntley had been considered mentally weak.

Bryan Will Aid Kansas City.

Washington, D. C.—Chairman Taggart arrived Sunday night to make arrangements for the meeting of the democratic national committee at the Arlington hotel Dec. 12. The Kansas City delegation is staying over for the meeting, and it is announced by Mr. Bryan's friends that he will throw his influence to the Missouri town for the convention.

Murdered for Love.

Iola, Kas.—W. H. Croviston, restaurant man, is in jail here, held on the charge of murder following his confession that he killed his partner, William Stewart, in order that he might marry Stewart's wife, Mrs. Stewart is also under arrest on the charge of complicity in the crime, but denies all knowledge of it.

Canada Plans Export Duty.

Washington, D. C.—Consul Deal of St. Johns, N. B., in a report to the staff department, says the Canadian parliament at its next session will impose an export duty on all pulpwood, which will affect the American paper and pulp mills that depend upon Canada for their raw material.

Thousands Return to Fatherland.

Naples—Owing to the financial conditions in the United States; the repatriation of Italian emigrants is assuming vast proportions. Monday 9,000 landed and about 50,000 have returned since the first of the month.

Flood Prevents Search.

Bloomburg, Pa.—Owing to the high water in the Susquehanna river and the terrific force of the current, no attempt was made Wednesday to recover the bodies of the seven men drowned Tuesday, when the Mifflinville bridge collapsed. The water rose rapidly until noon, when it began to subside. With the flood as it is at present, any attempt to recover the bodies would be futile, and probably nothing can be done in that connection for several days. All of the 15 men who sustained serious injuries are expected to recover.

Yacht Builders Cut Time.

Bristol, R. I.—The Herreshoff works here, famous for the construction of yacht cup defenders, will go short time schedule beginning next Monday. About 200 men are employed in the plant.

Explosion Wrecks Gas Plant.

White Pigeon, Mich.—The White Pigeon Carbonate and Gas plant was wrecked by an explosion. Several persons were injured and every window in town was cracked. The shock was felt for 12 miles.

SWEDEN'S SORROW

KING OSCAR II. PASSED QUIETLY AWAY AT 9:10 SUNDAY

WAS FRIEND TO HIS PEOPLE

The Whole Country Is Bowed Down in Grief for Man Who Was More Than the Ruler of His Subjects.

Stockholm, Sweden—Oscar II., king of Sweden, died at 9:10 o'clock Sunday morning. The death of the venerable monarch occurred in the royal apartment of the palace, where, surrounded by the members of his family, including the aged Queen Sophia and the Crown Prince Oscar Gustave and high ministers of state, the inevitable end had been awaited, while outside the palace great crowds stood with bowed heads and tearful eyes long after the announcement came of the death of their well-loved sovereign. The whole country is bowed with grief, for King Oscar was something more than a ruler of his people and had endeared himself to them as an intimate and personal friend. When the flag on the palace was dipped to half-mast there was a moan of anguish from the assembled multitude and many of them cried "Our dear old king is dead."

Passed Quietly Away.

The following official bulletin was posted after the king's death: "The strength of the king continued to decrease throughout the night and the state of unconsciousness became more marked. His majesty passed quietly away at 9:10 a. m."

The death certificate was worded as follows:

"We declare upon oath that His Majesty, King Oscar II., expired peacefully at 9:10 o'clock Sunday morning in the castle at Stockholm, at the age of 78 years 9 months 17 days, as the result of calcification of the cerebral and cardiac blood vessels. (Signed.) "Berg, Edgren, Flensburg."

The succession to the throne of Sweden now passes to Oscar Gustave Adolphe, Duke of Verland, the oldest son of the late king.

At a meeting of the council of state Sunday afternoon the new king took the oath of allegiance under the title of Gustave V., and adopted the motto, "With the people for the fatherland." The princes then took the oath of allegiance and the new monarch accepted the homage of the state officials.

DEATH COMES TO MRS. TAFT.

Secretary Is Hurrying Home on Steamer President Grant.

Millbury, Mass.—Mrs. Louise M. Taft, mother of Secretary of War William H. Taft, who had been ill since last summer, died at 12:20 o'clock Sunday morning. For the past week or more Mrs. Taft had been unconscious and slowly growing weaker.

Early Saturday night it was seen that a change for the worse had taken place. Since last summer Mrs. Taft had been staying at the home of her sister in the old Torrey homestead, in this town, where the venerable invalid spent her girlhood days.

Cablegrams have been sent to Bologna, Germany, informing Secretary Taft of his mother's death. The secretary sailed Saturday for America. His visit in Europe was cut short by his mother's illness. He and his wife are hurrying home on the President Grant.

"Blue" Sunday in Gotham.

New York—New York, which can usually be depended on to provide something new and sensational, Sunday treated its millions of residents and tens of thousands of week-end visitors to the novelty of a thoroughly "blue" Sunday, the first and probably the last in the history of the metropolis. Few had expected to live to see the day. There have been more or less "dry" Sundays and Sundays without baseball, but the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" failed to recall a Sabbath here when one was compelled to choose between the churches and the parks if he would see or hear something to entertain him.

Mrs. Pepper Vanderbilt Indicted.

New York—Mrs. May Pepper Vanderbilt, the spiritualist leader, was again indicted Friday for grand larceny. She pleaded not guilty and was released on \$1,500 bail.

Rochester Amusements Close.

Rochester, N. Y.—All theaters and picture shows were closed Sunday in accordance with the mayor's orders. It was thought that a test case would be made, but the managers preferred to comply with the Sunday closing order.

Explosion Kills 1, Hurts 8.

Pueblo, Col.—One workman was instantly killed, four fatally injured and four seriously hurt by the explosion of the gas produced at one of the open-hearth furnaces in the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co.'s foundries in this city.

Brakeman's Mistake Brings Death.

Columbia, Tenn.—A mistake on a moving train threw Brakeman C. J. Held beneath the wheels in the yards here. Almost the entire train passed over his body.

President Roosevelt gives bear dinner to men who joined him on Louisianan hunt.